

REMARKS

The Examiner identified four species. Claims 1, 2 and 6 – 11 being generic thereto.

Applicant elects (A) Lactone.

Claims 1 – 3 and 6 – 11 read on that elected species.

Favorable consideration and early indication of allowance are solicited earnestly.

The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any fees required by the instant Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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